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## Thru The Peepsight

G. I. Summary  
Of World News  
BY SGT. H. E. WHITTEMORE

The nation girded for its second year of war this week; watched the progress of global warfare and learned that at the end of December 1,000,000 Yankees will be fighting foreign soil. "Girding for a second year of war" meant a lot of things to the U. S. It meant that more and more common food-stuffs such as sugar, coffee, butter, those kinds of things, were disappearing from the shelves of the nation's groceries. It meant chillier nights interspersed with thousands of American homes because of the lack of fuel oil. Military rationing was started across the country, cities closer and closer on the gas and rubber being used by the automobile owners and at Fort Benning speeders arrested by the military police are held on gas rationing until withdrawn from two weeks to a month. But Americans pretty generally accepted rationing as necessary for total victory and read forecasts of even tighter restrictions to come with little grudging.

The same spirit, a purpose reflected from the world's battlefronts. On this giant "checkerboard" it was the Allies move this week and they did not hesitate. Now in Africa, the British Eighth Army was on the move again, relentlessly pursuing Rommel and his men for some reason put up only a token resistance. El Alamein, where some of the Germans strongest defense lines were even taken by Germans soon after the British drive resumed in force.

A little farther west along the "hard" Americans and British driving on Tunis and Bizerte had successfully foiled vicious German air attacks and were using harassment attack as a prelude to another assault; as the Nazis' assault timed to coincide with the British drive on Rommel.

Europeans and Germans were defeated in the second terrific battle of the world this week high up on the steppes of Russia where the temperature was dropping and the snows were drifting higher and higher. Their tanks had been able to turn their tanks in action this winter because of milder-than-usual weather and consequently the Red counter-attack had been somewhat slowed. But the Russians, determined and bold, had driven their tanks in action this winter, were bidding their time, waiting for the real Russian winter weather to set before attacking the frozen German snow.

News from the Pacific area came from the South Seas where General MacArthur's American and Australian forces captured Buna, important Japanese outpost this week, and then defended it against Nip counter-attack. Capture of Buna

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## Children's Yule Party Slated December 18

The annual Children's Christmas Party will be held in the Main Theatre at 2:00 p. m. Friday, December 18. All army children, including those in the Harmony Church Area, 10th Armored Division and the Main Post are invited to attend.

The program will open with a movie picture show followed by a Christmas Pageant. The program, given by the Post Chorus under the direction of Mrs. William T. Ryerson which will include the following cast: Gabriel; Jen Werrill; Mary; Katherine Heiter; Joseph; Billy Jackson; George; Gavin; Sheena; Youngline; Miss Hersey; Bob and Thorne Wise Men; Bill McKenney; Myron Leedy; Bob Rhyne. The committees are music, Mrs. Wallace; costumes; Mrs. Evans; Mrs. Werrill; Mrs. Moffett; Mrs. Shultz; Properties and Stage Settings; Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Heiniges.

## Government Order Curtails Use Of Zinc For Newspaper Cuts

A Government order to newspapers pertaining to a drastic and permanent cut in zinc allotments effective at once, makes necessary for the BAYONET to reduce the number of cuts and cartoons published in the post newspaper. Therefore the BAYONET will consider for publication only those photos which its editors deem high in news value.

The BAYONET regrets that these steps must be taken but at the same time will cooperate 100 per cent with this order. It means that fewer and smaller cuts will be used, but it also means that metal will be diverted into war production, thereby hastening the day of ultimate victory.

This statement is made in order that all contributions of art and readability understand the cause of future reduction of art work in the paper. While there will be a dearth of quantity, it is hoped that it will improve the quality of pictures and cartoons appearing in this publication.

## 'Hellzapoppin' Is Slated With Broadway Players

Rip-Roaring Comedy To Ring Out Old, Ring In New Year.

Ending the old year with a bang and bringing the new year in with a roar will be Olsen and Johnson's "Hellzapoppin'" on tour for USO-Camp Show Inc. booked at Fort Benning for five days, beginning Dec. 29 at the Main Theatre.

The show will open for two days at the Main theater on the post proper. Dec. 31 will be the day for men in the Service. Then comes No. 5. The last two days will be spent at Theatre No. 4 in the Harmony Church area. No musical production in the history of the American theatre has aroused so much interest in the past week. It is the greatest entertainment. In New York it grossed over five million dollars and played to more than two million customers. Celebrities in every walk of life have screamed at the antics of the Olsen brothers. They have danced the "Boomp-boom-Dai-ly" in the aisles and returned time and again, and all have paid tribute to the amazing character of this show.

Brought to Fort Benning through the efforts of the Special Service Office, "Hellzapoppin'" defies description, but for the sakes of brevity it is called "a screaming revue," but it is neither a musical nor a comedy, nor a farce, nor drama, nor farce, but it is a little bit of each.

"And the action is that drivers are racing each other to see who can make an hour longer; now are being 'grounded'—that is their gas rationing books are being withdrawn for a period from two weeks to a month," Lt. Henry Boudreau, assistant provost marshal, explained yesterday.

"I am still working on the new system of speed limit," he said. "It is still not a definite, but it is a definite, that drivers who still think the presidential proclamation establishing a national 35-mile an hour speed limit is something you read about in newspapers are being 'clipped' on their 'Achilles heel.'

The military police have worked out an arrangement with the Mileage Rationing Board at the post to have violators of speed regulations turned over to the Rationing Board for action.

"Gas spills over the footlights into the audience, and rib-tickling antics are apt to occur anywhere, in the aisles, in the orchestra, or even in the lobby. Figures, or even the famous dog as he jumped from the transport planes with his comrades in the 505th."

Life magazine also is represented here for Max's movie debut.

Max is a qualified paratrooper, having made several jumps from the transports in the recent Field maneuvers of the outfit, the dog in that area while soldiers in the Tenth Armored Division should communicate with Mrs. Winfield Benning in the Service Club.

**SOLDIERS TO REGISTER**

Soldiers who can not register at the various Service clubs may do so at the USO centers in Columbus.

**Chapel Plans Yule Cantata**

For Sunday Night At 6:30 O'Clock

One of the highlights of the Christmas season at Fort Benning will be the presentation of the annual cantata Sunday night at 6:30 p. m. in the post chapel on the main post.

Final rehearsals will be held this week by the chapel choir on the well-known cantata "The Prince of Peace" by J. Truman Willcott. Seven featured soloists will sing during the cantata, which includes the augmented chapel choir and instrumental numbers. The cantata will be given in two parts under the direction of Mrs. Harley A. Tweed, choir director, and accompanied by Mrs. L. H. Averitt at the organ.

Singing difficult solo parts in the presentation will be Mrs. W. Eley, Mrs. B. F. Wills, Major W. M. Meyers, Lt. C. Timmerman, Lt. E. Reave, Private W. P. Moran and Lt. Joseph Folger.

Singing in the chapel choir will be the following:

Sopranos: Louise Zuckerman, Charlotte Parker, Katherine Guthrie, Barbara Miller, Peggi Smith, Mrs. Eddy, Mrs. Gertie Gethin, Mrs. J. F. Gestring, Mrs. W. Eley, Mrs. H. Tweed.

Altos: Edith Joines, Carolyn Derby, Charlotte Sagnon, Virginia Parker, Mary Abernathy, Mrs. A. L. Tamm, Mrs. R. L. Baughman, Mrs. E. Phillips.

Tenor: Maj. William T. Hornaday, Officer Candidate D. G. Moore, Lt. William C. Baulus, Lt. Ethan Reeve and Lt. R. E. Furman.

Basses: Candidates William K. Kornes and John H. Knapp, Pvt. Phil Moran, Corp. John D. Folger, Lt. Timmerman, Maj. W. M. Meyers and Maj. F. T. Kent, Jr.

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**Who Purchased A House-Coat For The Wife?**

Lost: One address for a package that probably was going to mean a Merry Christmas to some soldier's wife, but probably won't unless the soldier reads this ad.

Address: 12, a address from Fort Benning bought a housecoat at the Gowdin, Wells & Poole shop in Columbus. He had it wrapped, then left with it an address to which it was to be mailed. Below the slip of paper bearing the address was a note from officials searching him and low, even in waste-baskets and through floor sweepings, it cannot be found.

So, if the Fort Benning soldier who bought the housecoat can identify himself, the shop wants to hear from him and get the address.

The Supply Detachment will provide the enlisted strength to operate the various activities of the newly-created Supply Division of post headquarters, which is headed by Col. Stephen B. Mason, formerly post quartermaster.

The units which belong to the supply detachment were formerly known as the Chemical Warfare Detachment, Engineer Detachment, Detachment Ordnance Department, Detachment Quartermaster Corps, Detachment Signal Corps, and the colored quartermaster detachment. The first five will comprise section one of the new unit, while the colored unit will be section two.

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The unit will be billeted in the permanent barracks formerly occupied by the quartermaster detachment on Vibert Ave. on the post proper.

Capt. Cook is an officer with many years service who has been at Fort Benning for the past two years. During this time, he has served as commanding officer of various Q. M. detachments at various times, as well as laundry officer, and officer in charge of the post motor pool.

**Pfc. Blooey Goes to Heaven But It Was Only a Dream**

BY PFC. S. B. SUSSINA  
71st Eng. L. Pon. Co.

Private First Class Poopy Blooey, after being red lined for three months, finally showed up at supplemental pay call for more than a dry run.

As the company commander handed him his money, (one hundred dollars and deducts) he asked Poopy if he would accept a fifteen-day furlough.

Poopy thought it over and asked the Commander if he could wear civilian shoes, etc. The C. O. agreed and told him that if he didn't have a pair hidden away, where he was to go to obtain them.

But he had a pair.

Poopy went over to his barracks, removed a board from under his foot locker, and produced shoes and a garrison cap. He filled his suit case with everything he needed to take with him. He laid up his bedroll and then turned his rifle into the supply room, well oiled, of course.

As he walked to the corner where he was to get a bus, the company commander, driving his personal car picked him up and drove him to the station in Columbus.

After dinner, the Mayor drove him back to the station. He boarded his train to find that he had the only ticket window where he was informed that he was the lucky one hundred thousandth passenger to make his ticket, and therefore he could get his ticket free.

He took the ticket and was about to pick up his suit case when an M. P. rushed over and took

it from his hand and checked it on the train.

Poopy stepped on the train. It was crammed to capacity. Every seat was taken. However, a second lieutenant got up and gave him his. The lieutenant told Blooey that he was only going as far as Richmond and wouldn't mind standing.

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**DREAM CONTINUED**

The President had made special arrangements for Poopy Blooey, to ride to New York in a private car. When he arrived in Pennsylvania Station, his Mayor, Mayor La Guardia, was there to meet him. Following a spaghetti dinner

he was given a room at the Hotel New Yorker.

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## Red Cross Helps Santa Spread Cheer Overseas

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Despite the roll of war drums, Uncle Sam and Santa Claus have joined hands to bring holiday cheer to American servicemen at home and abroad and children of distant lands.

With the American Red Cross as the distributing medium, contents of the immense Christmas sock have been flowing overseas in a steady stream for months.

Preparations for the observance in hospitals at Army and Navy bases at home and foreign stations were planned last summer, but most people were more concerned with the heat than with Christmas.

Santa's chief worry, finding troop concentrations known only by an "X," P. O. number, was solved by allowing packages to be provided space on freighters and government transports moving war supplies up to the fronts.

In addition to these shipments are the offerings of the American Junior Red Cross, located in ships, planes, and now moving across seas as another expression of America's goodwill.

### FIRST CONCERN

The first concern of the American Red Cross field workers at Christmas time is the welfare of soldiers and sailors in service hospitals. Elaborate programs have been planned to supplement the generous celebration Uncle Sam provides for his warriors. Christmas carols will echo through hospital wards, recreation halls will resound with gayety, whenever possible. And decorations, which may well abound, but whether the halls are decked with holly, Spanish moss, or palm fronds, the Christmas spirit will be present.

Children of Alaska and Iceland, England, Greenland, and Central America will receive attractive boxes of toys assembled by members of the Junior Red Cross throughout the United States. Fifteen thousand have been consigned to England, 2,000 to Ireland, 1,500 to Greenland, and a number to Canada and the remainder to Central and South America. This has been an annual project of the Junior Red Cross since the first World War; its scope increasing with the years.

In the great military centers overseas, such as Great Britain

## 19 Enlisted Men Promoted

Nineteen enlisted men in the 117th Infantry received promotions this week, according to an announcement of their regimental commander, Col. Grant A. Schleifer.

The regimental headquarters company promoted eleven of its men to technicians Grade V.

Technicians Grade IV: Pfc. V. Kerlin, W. Ross and Paul Kubik to technicians grade IV; Pfc. J. Lennon, Phillip L. Janssen, Fred F. Vavra, and Pfc. Royal G. Chandler, Jewel M. Hedges, John J. Kiscarco, Edward Arcaro, and Benjamin Fisher promoted to technicians grade V.

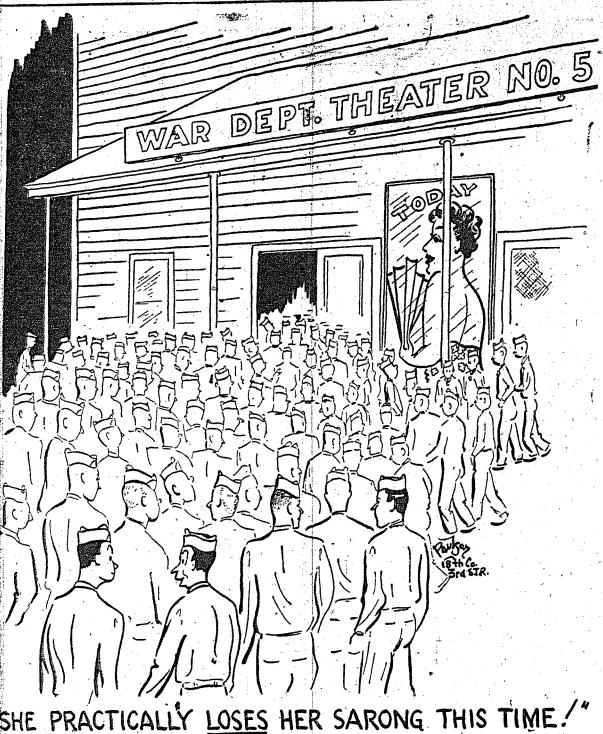
Company K promoted Pfc. Frederick H. Diemer, Walter F. Simmmons, Willie E. Hatchell, and A. F. French corporals; Pfc. John P. Hopper of the anti-tank company was also made a corporal.

Pfc. Harry S. Walkowski of third battalion headquarters company and Pfc. Anton J. Krotz and Pfc. John S. Kuehne of the first battalion headquarters company were made technicians grade V.

### EIGHT CAPTAINS

Eight first lieutenants of the 10th Armored Signal Division have been promoted to the rank of captain. The newly appointed officers are:

Captains Bill R. Adams, Julian W. Davis, Henry L. Downey, Ronald E. Eardley, William K. Hodges, Philip Kantor, Peter J. O'Rourke and Richard M. Shephard.



## VOC Program To Continue

### Men Past 38 Are Barred

Recent restrictions on enlistments in the Army will not affect volunteers in the Officer Candidate System, according to word received at Fort Benning.

As volunteer officer candidates are introduced into the military service through Selective Service processes, the one effect on the program will be that more volunteer officer candidates who have passed their thirty-eighth birthdays will be eligible under the program. Those registrants over 38 who are not volunteers will be barred from the organization until they are ordered on the effective date of the Executive Order restricting enlistment will be induced as ordered.

Selective Service registrants deferred for dependency only are at present eligible to volunteer for induction. For the duration of enlisting a commission only in one of the combatant arms or the technical services. These arms and services are Infantry, Cavalry,

## Hospital Unit Is Arranging Personal Affairs

Personnel of the 24th General Hospital are staging the first centralized personal affairs office on the post at Fort Benning to have every member put personal affairs in order and arrange his insurance.

Sgt. Jack Le Comte has been named in charge of the campaign, which is being conducted by Lieutenant Samuel Matley, post insurance officer, in making available to every member of the organization all necessary papers and forms and in giving out information about insurance and on settling insurance claims.

Efforts are being made to have every man in the organization make a will and to arrange all insurance problems in order to safeguard those left at home. Leaving small affairs to men who have a hard time embarking frequently puts a burden on clerical help and often means that the soldier may make out papers wrong thereby endangering future welfare of his family because the mistake may never be remedied on records.

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## USO Installs Phone Booths

### New Service Relieves Situation

Installation of a switchboard and eight telephone booths were ready for use by personnel of Fort Benning at the USO Club, 100 West end, it was announced.

Eugene Bergmann, director of the club, said:

"With the installation of the switchboard and booths, personnel at the Fort find better telephone accommodations that ease their work."

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An operator is on duty every night at the USO club so that long distance calls can be placed, and two will be kept at the board each Thursday, Saturday and Sunday night, officials of the telephone company announced.

Soldiers desiring to place long distance calls can now leave their number with the operator and then will be paged over the loud speaker system.

The new installation was put in when facilities of the existing booths became overtaxed.

Frederick Bergmann, said, as much as \$400 in telephone fees were charged by the USO soldiers making long distance calls on a Sunday night. Now the payment can be made directly to the operator on duty.

The new plan is expected to speed up making of telephone calls and to help relieve the load of work on long distance operators.

During the past two weeks, the following men of the Third Armored Regiment received their first appointment added some to the ones already had:

Leading the list was Company "B" with five new promotions. Appointed corporal was Pfc. Frank Geist, while Pvt. Charles Learns, a medical technician, was promoted to sergeant. Appointed to sergeant major was Pvt. Charles Carbone, former tap and specialty dancer from Philadelphia. Other new T-5s include Pfc. (Carpenter) Frederick Eberhard and Harry N. Crain.

Second Lieutenant was announced in Maintenance Company all T-5s. Men included Pfc. Amos Mower, Pfc. Donald Parry, Pfc. Robert Reath and David Parsons.

Second appointment in Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Third Armored Regiment, Jr. now T-5. Two appointments were announced in Company "E" those of Pvt. Joseph Becht to T-5 and T-5 Philip Moll to corporal.

In Company "A," T-4 Raymond Warner was made sergeant.

**GATORS PROMOTED**

Promotions in the 124th Infantry announced today by Col. John D. Hill were those of Pfc. Stanislaw S. Samson of New York City and Pfc. Alison R. Yates of Cary, North Carolina, to corporals, and Cpl. Elwood E. Rich of Oneka, Florida to sergeant.

**Field Artillery, Coast Artillery, Anti-aircraft Artillery, Armed Forces, Tank Destroyer, Military Police, Corps of Engineers, Signal Corps, Ordnance Department and Chemical Warfare Service.**

Present monthly quotas permit the induction of 3000 volunteer officer candidates in the United States, 30 in the Hawaiian Department, and 20 in the Puerto Rican Department each month, or the aforementioned branches.

In addition, within the United States, quotas permit induction of 500 volunteer officer candidates monthly, restricted to Anti-aircraft Artillery aspirants, and 400 for the Corps of Engineers.

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## 'Tiger' Saw Action In Libyan Campaign

Twice during the past fortnight good news has come to George S. Lively, member of Co. "H," 3rd Armored Regiment. His first piece of good news arrived with radio reports of a tough and alert British Eighth Army that was making good pay dearly for his sumer victory that had pushed the British back from Tobruk well into Egypt.

The second piece of good news came in a signal received from the Dragon Regiment headquarters, in which Lively was made Technical 5th grade, partly for his experience under fire as a member of an American tank crew that participated in last summer's shifting Libyan campaign.

Leaving the United States on May 29 of this year, Lively and companions were flown into Cairo, arriving there on June 6. After a short stay there they moved out for the front on the coast road to Matruh, and were soon engaged in combat with the British Eighth Army in the Delta sector.

Before moving up to the front, however, the American party was at the guest of Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck, whose army had first used American-made equipment against German equipment and material in late 1941.

"But there was before Knightsbridge," concluded Lively, "after that, there was much entertainment going on."

**TOMMY BREWS TEA**

Lively found the British Tommy brewing tea at the front just as the news dispatches had indicated, openly admitting his admiration for Rommel's abilities as a field general, but grudgingly determined to drive him out of North Africa.

The last three weeks have proven that the British are tough fighters," Lively said, "however, we knew that this was so when we were fighting side by side with them last summer. We came in contact at one time or another with Britishers, New Zealanders, Scotch Highlanders, all sort of them, I guess—and they all had one big characteristic. That was nerve. They aren't afraid of anything that they've met yet, and we had plenty of stuff thrown at us last summer."

Though he had never tasted before his Libyan venture, Lively is now a confirmed tea drinker, and took his turn brewing it on the small portable burner that is unofficial operating equipment with every tank crew.

In addition to their reception by General Auchinleck, the members of the American party (which Lively believes was the second one to face the Germans in Libya) met and talked with Wendell Willkie, who made the front one of his stops placing on his tour of the world theaters of war last summer.

"He was a big, friendly guy," Lively recalls, "in particular, he was impressed with the work of our tanks and crews. Wish that he could take a run back there and see some of these new scenes in action."

**WITH FATIGUE**

Lively enlisted in the Army in September, 1940, and was a member of the 6th Armored Division commanded by Major General George S. Patton, Jr. He volunteered for foreign service when given the chance, found out that it was to be Libya just then, and the command left the United States. During one main engagement there, the 75 mm gun in his tank was put out of commission, but the crew (of which Lively was weapons gunner) maintained contact with the enemy and held at him with the weapon on hand.

"One thing that you learn quickly out on the desert is the use of the sun-compas," Lively concluded. "We didn't lose visual contact with our neighboring tanks for any length of time. But records, play your favorite game, little time to navigate with or use on Club Station to cut there—since up those letters you owe, eight weeks one time—and it's hard to get lost."

Lively is from Cumming, Ga., U.S.A.

**BUT YOUR ? ??**

The war came home to Fort Benning pencil pushers today.

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### Army Nurse Bill, Sent to President; Would Boost Pay

The bill increasing pay of nurses attached to the armed forces has been sent to the White House for final signature. It was announced yesterday.

Under the new law, all nurses will be given a base income corresponding to that of a second lieutenant in the Army or that of an ensign in the Navy. Under the existing regulations, pay is based on length of service.

At the same time, it is anticipated that a bill will be introduced into the House of Representatives to allow women doctors to accept temporary Army commissions. The existing laws have been interpreted as prohibiting such commissions, sponsors of the bill said.

### Fort R. C. Unit Renders Aid In 'Bama Storm

An aftermath of the disastrous windstorm in nearby Hartsboro, Alabama, several days ago was the replacement of the role of the Fort Benning Red Cross played in the incident.

A few hours after the heavy wind struck the Alabama village Eugene Bussey, field director of the Red Cross at Fort Benning, received an emergency call from the Muscogee chapter of the chapter of the Red Cross in Columbus, Georgia, for assistance in a disaster which had occurred in Hartsboro, Russell County, Alabama.

Lewis Scheffneracker, assistant field director in the Fort Benning office, was sent to the scene with a Red Cross car from the post and joined Bussey in the relief effort that night. Counted 40 homes either totally demolished or damaged. With the assistance of Hartsboro physicians and county health officials, emergency treatment and first aid was given to many victims, and arrangements made for temporary shelter, food and clothing.

Bussey pointed out in commenting on the response of Fort Benning and Columbus Red Cross officials "that the public is not generally aware of the machinery functioning in the American Red Cross with regard to disaster relief."

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'Than Whom There Was No Abler'

## New 10th Armored Division Range Honors Col. Carmouche's Memory

### Gen. Newgarden Fires First Shot And Marks Up Dead Center Bull

In a simple ceremony before high-ranking 10th Armored Division officers, Major Gen. Paul W. Newgarden officially dedicated the Division's brand-new Carmouche Rifle Range in honor of Lt. Col. George H. Carmouche, who formerly served as Fort Benning with the 2nd Armored Division, the 29th Infantry, and the Infantry School.

Col. Carmouche, who died last

August at Camp Folkert, was

under Gen. Newgarden's

41st Armored Infantry.

The 10th Armored Commander went over the Colonel's military service and said of him, "he was tireless, resourceful, loyal and considerate of all about him. Throughout his service he believed he was best qualified to serve the Division."

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## Those Vacant Rooms Again

In an editorial in last week's Bayonet we suggested that officers and non-commissioned officers living on the post might show a true Christmas spirit by opening up a spare room to accommodate the overflow crowds of visitors to the Fort Benning area during the Christmas holidays.

There was some response to that editorial and the billeting office received several phone calls. One point needs to be clarified. No charge can be made for the room, but a service charge may be made to cover the costs of laundry, a charge which most visitors undoubtedly would be only too happy to pay.

The situation in the Columbus area is critical. Walter Pike, of the Chamber of Commerce, told us that soldiers are coming in with tears in their eyes after stamping the streets all day looking for a room for their mothers. Hotels are out of the question and it appears that practically every possible available room in the city has been reserved.

Here is a chance, perhaps, to make a real Christmas for a family, a reunion which may be the last for a long time to come. The slight inconvenience to the family with rooms to spare of having others in the house for a few days at the most will be more than made up for by the happiness the hospitality will bring. Call FB 3505.

## Children For Victory

We may win the war and lose our children. In one of our largest cities child delinquency has gone up 14 percent in the last six months. A high percentage of our most hardened criminals are in their teens. There are many mothers in industry who value a double paycheck more than a secure home for their children. Venereal infection has risen 75 percent this year in a key port of embarkation.

The first aim of the subversive forces in overthrowing a country is to corrupt the young by slackening their moral standard. America's inner enemies are not idle.

A number of parents, facing the problem, decided, "No matter what you tell your children, you can't stop them from being just like you." So they figured out a program of moral re-education, beginning with themselves.

They said, "Our homes need to be more than filling stations, by day and parking lots at night. We need homes where there is lots of love and laughter; where the children long to be. Homes that pull together pull the town together. Sound homes are the strength of a nation. They back up our fighting sons abroad and push up production in industry."

One of these families starts every day with a "council of war" before the eldest son goes to his job in an airplane plant. God is the boss in that home. Marcie, aged 10, and Bruce, aged 14, help their big brother solve the problems that arise in his work. Together they tackle friction at home; so he knows how to cure it if it pops up along the production line. As a result production has risen 40 percent in three departments of that plant.

The fight for sound homes is the fight for total victory and a new world. You and your children are on the front lines.

## Change Step

Fourth Platoons set plenty of bad breaks, they sweat every line from payroll to show and get all the left-overs and misfits in clothing and equipment. The stiffest penalty they pay for their position in life however is the reputation for always being out of step.

Find nothing in the field manuals or old "G.T.'s" on the subject, the "fighting 4th" of Company 16, First Student Training Regiment, has tried to arrive at the correct solution. Of course this is by the trial and error method but if success is ours then it must be O.K.

The following classified suggestions on "How to Keep in Step for Fourth Platoons Only" are submitted in hope that those in this platoon will profit by our suggestions.

1. AUTOMATIC CHANGE STEP METHOD: Every sixteen steps the entire platoon changes step without command. The number of steps will vary between companies but sixteen is a good average.

2. SPLIT STEP METHOD: Two squads maintain one step; the remaining two, the opposite. In extremely difficult cases all squads may maintain a different step but this is resorted to only after written permission obtained.

2. SMOKE SCREEN METHOD: Every member of the platoon scuffs his feet raising so much dust that their cadence cannot be observed. This is especially effective in dusty camps if such a camp is available, we say more.

4. VICE VERSA METHOD: Have the platoon keep in the opposite step of the third platoon. This simple method will insure accuracy about three-fourths of the time.

5. SLOPPY JOE METHOD: Every platoon has at least one individual who is always out of step with the rest of the group. Make him guide and you will be surprised how much of the time he will be in step with the student company commander.

6. EIGHT FOOT METHOD: Simply have the platoon step off on the right foot. This method has the unique feature of putting the group in step just about the time you pass by the C.O.'s window.

These methods are merely suggestions and readers must not accept them as the ultimate—after all, one cannot overlook the differences in situations and terrain. To date there is no real solution except possibly to eliminate the fourth platoon.

CANDIDATE ART URY,  
16th Co., 1st E. T. R.

a gorgeous day of absolute drenching. But most everyone carried his pack as though it were a feather, instead of a water logged chunk of lead...

And so silence falls—and breaths become more regular. For another few days (ten, or so, we hope) . . . all will be normal.

## Muddled Thinking

We sit drinking our milk-shakes and reading in the papers about the milk-shortages. The same way we sat and read about shortages in England or famine in Greece. Now it's coming closer to home.

"We'll manage somehow. We'll win the war soon, and then everything'll be O. K." That's what we'd like to think.

But that sort of thinking has got us into the muddle. There are lots of shortages before there's a shortage of milk. And a shortage of thinking is one of them.

The man who takes the long view is the man with the answer to shortages. He's the fellow who'll help America win this war. Take one farming community in the West. A couple of years back they had a feed to every square mile. Some of them carried guns; others hadn't spoken in years. But they got together long before Pearl Harbor on the program of "You Can Defend America." That program says, "We'll never have V for Victory until we have U for Unity." And lots of these ranchers sank their pride for the good of their valley. Now they are meeting shortage by sharing—sharing machinery, ideas, manpower. And more milk and cattle come out of that valley to feed civilians, soldiers, and allies, because these families have learned how to work together.

The garage-owner in that valley, an expert welder and mechanic, says, "I could go down to the cities and earn big money, but I feel my job is here keeping the ranch-machinery going." There ought to be an "E for Excellence" flag floating above his workshop; it's producing its maximum for America. That kind of thinking and living is the answer to shortages of manpower and machinery. It comes from a fighting faith in God and in America.

Lack of that fighting faith is the first of all shortages. Only by obedience to the guidance of God can we find the guts and the "know-how" to plan ahead, work together and live for our country. It is still true that if everybody cares enough and everybody shares enough, everybody will have enough.

## Most Embarrassing Moment

The warm rays of a non-committal Georgia sun diffused its way earthward to the group of husky Officer's Candidates at the Fort Benning Infantry School.

Standing military and erect on the raised platform, the Physical Training Instructor barked his commands to the more than eager class. All, by the way, members of the 13th Co., 3rd Student Training Regiment. The "hup, two" cadence of the exercise reflected the training and alertness of these potential officers.

"All right, men, strip to your undershorts." The class, stunned by the request of their instructor, proceeded very cautiously to discard all unnecessary outer garments. Shorts, too wide, too long, too short, in effect all types soon made their flapping appearance in the mild wind. All except Candidate . . . Well, let's call him "X" for he has already been subjected to a terrific amount of "ribbing" by his fellow O. C.'s. Very conspicuous 'midst the generally white appearance of the surrounding shorts, he retained his green fatigue trousers, and continued to exercise, until his buddies' shouts of "take it off" were reminiscent of the one-time ubiquitous "burlesque."

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Shamed into removing his trousers, there he stood, bright and glowing in his "flame red" plaid shorts . . . Oh gosh, where's that hole in the ground?

## Even As You And I

The night infiltration problem was a howling success for the Third Platoon, 18th Co. STR in more ways than one. Group No. 11 seemed to have all the tough luck as it struggled into the assembly point in three pieces.

The first man lost was Candidate L. L. Reed, who became confused after lying on the ground during a flare attack. Upon rising some minutes later he fell in behind what he believed was his patrol.

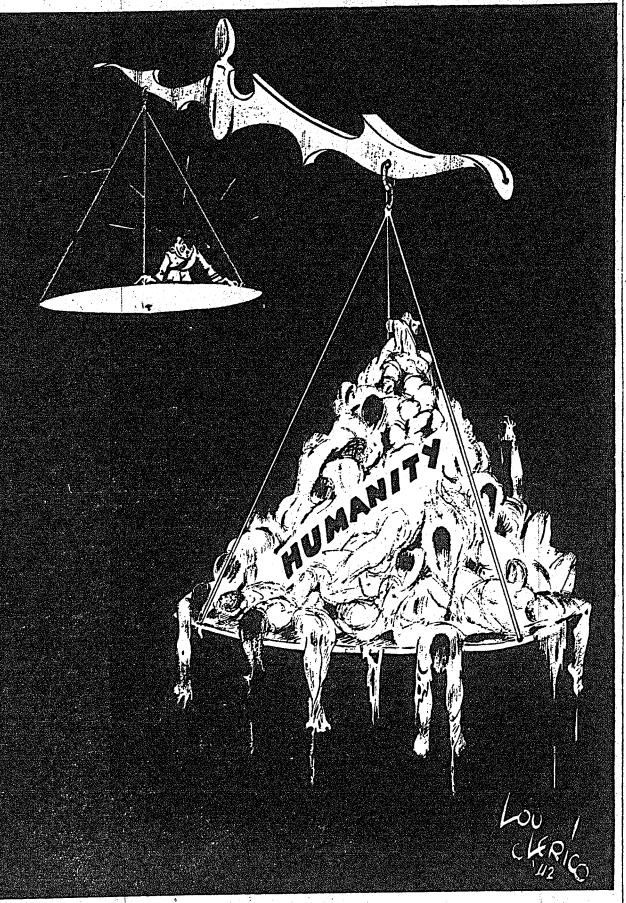
He tagged behind this group for an hour. Then the patrol counted noses and found an extra one. They challenged him with the signal word "White." Reed, thinking they asked his name, said "no." He quickly changed to "yes" when the group approached him threateningly.

The fourth squad of the Third Platoon, 18th Company, shot a high score on the "Technique of Fire" range. It was noted that there were many volunteers to shoot the B. A. R.'s because the boys were figuring a way out of cleaning rifles.

Good natured and roly poly Candidate E. E. Osgood is through with trips off the post. He caught a ride to Baker Village Sunday, to visit an officer friend. On the way back he missed three buses before he learned one had to get on at the front stop.

Ossie kept trying to get on at the rear, as in his own Virginia, and the disgusted drivers would pull out before Ossie could find the door.

## Weighed In The Balance And Found Wanting



## Day-Room Duds

By SGT. HARRY R. CHARD

"I'll give you a lift, buddy," the post heavyweight champ whispered in the ear of his opponent just before cutting loose with a right uppercut.

### RED LIGHT

Personally posting recruit Briggs on guard, the officer of the day pointed at a red light at the far end of the dim warehouse.

"That's the limit of your post," Thirty days later Briggs reported back on the post and informed the O. D. he had reached the red light. It was a tall light on a furniture van bound for Omaha.

### ON OUR POST

A certain K. P. had the habit of spilling garbage on the kitchen floor. The mess sergeant, a real tough egg, decided to put a stop to it. He grabbed the K. P. by the neck, shoved his nose in it, then hurled him through the window. But the next day the hapless K. P. made the same mistake again. As the mess sergeant started for him, he got down on his knees, slipped his nose in the garbage, hopped up, and out the window he jumped.

"How do you like this picture of a drunkard?"

"Why, that's only a blank piece of paper."

"Sure it is—he got drunk and passed out of the picture."

"There's the big shot of the army," said the orderly pointing at the 16-inch gun.

"Hell's bells!" remarked the dog-face as the alarm clock went off.

**FAMOUS LAST WORDS**  
Get in! I'm not too tight to drive.

**BULL-ONLY**  
Hi, fellow! Did you ever meet the editor of the "Bayonet"? Well he's a swell fellow and a practical joker. He asked me recently what I do if I was out on a desert with a gun and only one shell and in the distance a wild bull was charging toward me, while a few feet away a large rattlesnake was coiled and ready to strike.

I told him I would shoot the snake. He said that was the sensible thing to do, for I could shoot the bull any old time.

When the chow ain't quite done, the cooks get that collegiate yell, "Raw, Raw, Raw!"

**Corp. Binks:** "Sir, that's a bum looking around you have in your garden."

**Captain:** "I'll give you to understand that you are talking about my wife."

**MOONSHINERS**  
Moonshiners are getting jealous of the fancy labels on bottled in bond, so now their single water bears the following label:

"Try hillside, inside, for that good feeling."

"Mountain made—for army trade."

**BLANKETY BLANK**

Blankety soldier, if your brains were sorted, they wouldn't grade two ounces to the ton—you look just like a cancelled postage stamp.

### HIGH EXPLOSIVE

A barber supply salesman told the regimental barber that the price of hair tone was due to skyrocket in a few days, so the barber decided to take advantage of the tip.

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**



### WHAT MEN LIVE BY

Chaplain Frank M. Thompson: Old Testament—"Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live and is full of misery."

Modern:

"Preach to the storm, and reason with despair, But tell not misery's son that life is fair."

A rather discouraging outlook, since life is about the same in all ages. The external trappings, no, the basic facts, the fundamentals, yes. Now, as in the past, man is subject to disappointment, calamity; a prey to hunger, disease, death, and "the thousand natural shocks that flesh is heir to." And yet man plods on, courageously, with his face toward the rising sun, because he is girded about, fortified by hope—that is what the lives by—

"It springs eternal in the human heart,

Man never is, but always to be, blest."

If it is cloudy today, it will be fair on the morrow. Sickness will give way to health; tears to laughter. Want now may be our portion, but some day the barns will be full to overflowing. In time there will be a cabin in the pine woods.

That is the fine thing about life—the best is always out in front. It is true of the life that now is and the one to come.

In the play, "The Last Mile," a battered wreath in one of the cells, watching the condemned slowly making his way to the death house, cries out: "They talk about heaven; well, if there isn't one, there ought to be."

It is hope speaking—

"It's the rainbow to the storm of life,

The evening beam that smiles the clouds away,

And tints tomorrow with prophetic ray."

Devotedly yours,

Eve

are out of ammunition and keep on firing."

Hospital Nurse—"Can I do anything for you?"

Parachutist—"Yes, give me a good-night kiss."

Nurse—"Oh, you must wait till my orderly comes; he does all the rough work."

Camp barber—"Will you have anything on your face when I'm through?"

Soldier—"I don't seem like it."

Receiving news that a General and twelve mules had been captured by the Confederates, Lincoln's comment was, "How unfortunate! Those mules cost two hundred dollars each."

1st Lt.—"What's strategy, Murph?"

Pfc. Murphy—"Strategy is when you don't let the enemy know you

are out on the ground."

When we fall out for Reveille

an' hurties in ranks,

Johnny Chance is all present,

his coat down to his shanks.

The rest of us so crumby—Ser-

geant Butch is thunderous mad

An' he says to look at Johnny . . .

Tho' look like him we couldn't

as our form was very bad.

He orders Johnny to peel his coat

and show us dumb galoots

Just how the well-dressed sol-

ider looks in britches, blouse

and boots.

So when Johnny doffs his well

creased coat, we get a good

long glance;

An' eyebrow raise, a smile ap-

pears—

the Sergeant's eyes are

saints

For Lil' Johnny sure fell out—

but Chance without his pants!

A flash has just come into the office, and it says that more than 5,000 packages were wrapped by the different USO clubs over this week-end. . . . Another flash says, there will be a bit of entertain-

ment at the Columbus SA-USO this Saturday by the Station

Hotel orchestra. . . . That is a

plenty good outfit and shouldn't be missed.

Here is a little advance

info on the new policy over

at the SA-USO in Phenix City. . . . Every Saturday,

some kind of real entertain-

ment will be presented by the club. . . . Don't tell any-

one we told you, but just be

there and then let me know

you like it.

## Peeks at Pics

James Ellison, Heather Angel, and John Howard are co-starred in the new 20th Century-Fox mystery thriller, "The Undying Monster". The story winds around the history of the Hammond family, which started the members of the family must do a terrible death at the hands of a werewolf. Howard and Angel are all that is left of the Hammonds, and James Ellison is a detective who is called in to help solve the mystery. There are chills and thrills in the best "grade B" manner, which isn't saying much.

The other feature of the double bill is a western, "Pardon My Gun", with Charles Starrett. Not better than the average horse-opry and in spirit plenty worse, "Pardon My Gun" limps across the screen. The story has been told too many times before. Some men mandered on their way to town with a large amount of money. Through a series of incidents the hero is framed and escaped to round up the real culprits. Just before the end of the feature, it fight it out with the leader of the bad men and it ends with a clinch between the conquering hero and the bashful heroine.

"The Black Swan" is another of those swash-buckling stories that have come from the pen of Ralston Seabastian, author of "Captain Blood" and many others. Stone Power plays the role of Jamie Waring and makes love whenever he can to Maureen O'Hara, as Margaret Denby. This is one of the few times Laird Cregar does not play one of villains. Even in this he can't be good, so they gave him the

### LAFF OF THE WEEK

CAMP HOOD, Tex. (CNS)—A buck private, serving in a famous test soldier at this post, had been training of practical jokes time after time and was beginning to doubt all of his buddies and their motives. One night while he was on his first guard duty stint, one of the officers came up to him in the darkness and asked, "Who goes there?" he challenged. "Maj. Moses," replied the officer.

The rookie scented another horse and decided to meet you, Moses old top," he cracked. "Advance forward and give the Ten Commandments."

## Fort's Communication System Would Be Credit to Large City

### Photographic Laboratory Is Being Added To Set-up

BY CORP. PAUL F. CUNNINGHAM  
Signal Corps

Our readers have perhaps wondered from time to time at the speed and precision of the communication system here at Fort Benning, a system which is equal to, if not better than many in large cities throughout the country.

You might well marvel at this system when you stop to think awhile of the many and varied activities it combines, all of which are handled by a handful of men, members of the Detachment, Signal Corps at Large, 4th Service Command. These men, most of them graduates of technical schools at Fort Monmouth, N. J., the home of the Signal Corps, sparked by the quiet and intelligent leadership of Lt. Col. Alexander W. Young, Post Signal Officer, and amazing variety of Signal Officer, W. Cooley, Asst. Signal Officer, Signal Property Officer and their company commander, cover a tremendous amount of territory in the course of a day's work. Let's pause for a moment and catch a quick look at some of these activities, each of which is equally important in this great war machine.

First we have the Telegraph Office, situated in the Infantry School building, and which houses like a beehive every moment of the day and night, and also houses its big sister, the Radio Station, now housed in Post Headquarters, in which never ceases to put truth to the Signal Corps slogan, "Get The Message Through."

The Signal Property Office and Warehouse comes next, although it is very difficult to say exactly where it is located, because the Signal activity comes before the other in importance, because each and every one of them is equally important to the other. The Property Office and Warehouse smoothly and efficiently cope with the large issues of Signal Property which pass through its doors, both going and coming, all day long, to and from every one of the many organizations on the Post.

The telephone system, one of the finest in the country, is main-

tained in collaboration with Southern Tel. & Tel. Co., by a crew of men who typify the hardy and courageous spirit of the Corps. In telephone parlance they are called "The Bull Gang," or line crew, without whom the message would never get through.

### PIGEON DETACHMENT

Another ever expanding activity in this compact system and under the careful and able scrutiny of Lt. Arthur M. Lehman, is the Pigeon Detachment, which by careful breeding of choice Homers is fast forging to the front of all Signal Corps work, not only on this post, but throughout the world.

Repairs, so very essential where anything technical is concerned, are presided over by genial Lt. Kenneth G. Flock in the Signal Corps own repair shop, a very important cog in the Signal Corps wheel.

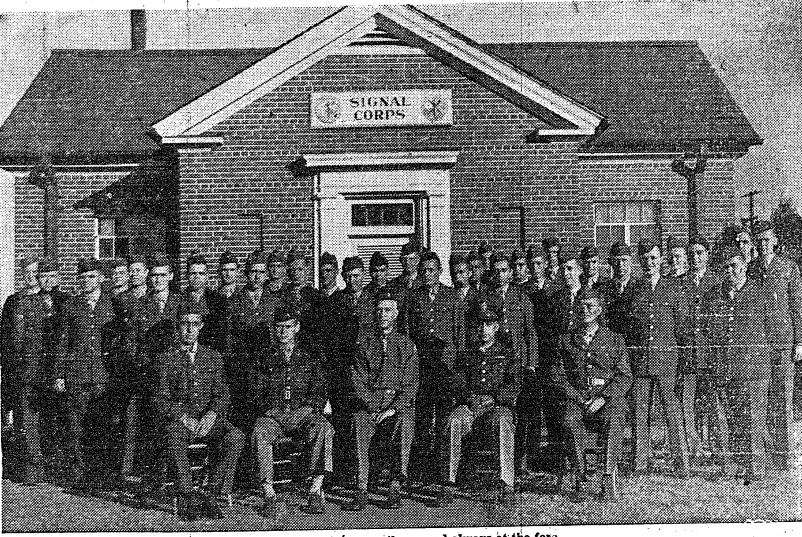
Last, but far from least, there is the Signal Office itself, housing the administrative offices, telephone exchange and equipment orderly room, which may shortly be called the nerve center of Fort Benning, and even now, as we take our leave of these very busy people of the Signal Corps, another activity is being added to the already many and varied ones mentioned. It will be a photographic laboratory, and needless to say, it will be handled in the same smooth and efficient manner as all the other duties of the Corps, which is tireless in its efforts to improve methods, and more quickly, "Get That Message Through."

### FINEST ALL GIRL BAND IN THE SOUTH AT CLUB MATAG



VELMA 'N' JEAN All-Girl Orchestra now playing nights at Matag... On the same program appearing twice monthly, LORENE PAGE, Tops on Tops—JACKIE WHITE, Tops in Tops—WAGNER SISTERS, Tops in Tumbling and Acrobatic—VAN "Fair" TAYLOR, Singing Troubadour and M. C.—new show opens Monday Nite with other fine acts added.

## They Get The Message Through



On land and sea they're over there, and always at the fore. Getting the message through on time, the boys of the Signal Corps.

Detachment, Signal Corps at Large, 4th Service Command, Ft. Benning. Reading from left to right: Siting, Mr. Sgt. James T. Young, Lt. Arthur M. Lehman, Lt. Col. Alexander W. Young, Capt. Herbert W. Cooley, Mr. Cgt. Daniel W. Lemon, Capt. Lester L. Bolander, Tech. Sgt. Joseph G. Kinser, Tech. 4th Grade Thomas D. Thornton, Staff Sgt. Gordon P. Snell, S. Sgt. Arthur H. Lester, Pfc. Edgar A. Kelley, Sgt. C. C. Lindsey, Tech. Sgt. Howard S. Lindsey, Tech. Pfc. Billie V. Walker, Sgt. Elbert N. Sumral, Cpl. Lester A. Nicholas, Tech. 4th Grade Richard S. Miller, Pfc. Raymond Sims, Tech. 4th Grade Leslie Shorey, Sgt. Clarence W. Beard, Cpl. Kenneth J. Dixon, Tech. 5th Nathan Gorfman, Pfc. Samuel J. Hill, Tech. 4th Grade Carl L. Hahn, Cpl. Sam J. Rondone, Tech. 4th Grade Josie F. Lee, Tech. Sgt. Dennis R. Lott, Pvt. Elmer V. Nickerson, Cpl. Paul F. Cunningham, Cpl. Cecil F. Case, Tech. Sgt. Elijah Noah, Tech. 4th Grade Edward S. Wille, Sgt. Robert L. Matey, Sgt. Charles Coltrera, Pfc. Bernis G. Law, Tech. 4th Grade John H. Evans, and Pfc. Leslie Bankert.

## Officers Take Staff Course

### 2nd STR Shifts Personnel Assignments

With assignment of eight officers of the Second Student Training Regiment to enter the Battalion and Staff Officers advance course at Fort Benning, shifting of assignments in the entire regiment are announced today.

The group entering the advance course includes Lt. Col. Robert H. Garrison, Maj. John J. Hazel and Captains Robert L. Bowan, William C. Kahle, Maxwell A. Stead, Joshua V. Davidson, E. A. Johnson, Carthy and Edward L. Johnson.

Capt. William H. Booth has just been assigned to succeed Col. Garrison in command of the Service Battalion, while 2nd Lt. Lt. Col. McCarren, replaces Captain Jacobs in command of 19th company. First Lt. Russell S. Deetz is the new commanding officer of 20th Company.

When drinking water from a Lyster bag always let the water run from the faucet into your cup. Never dip the cup into the bag nor drink by putting your mouth to the bag.

Drink plenty of water at intervals during the day but never a large amount at any one time, especially when you are overheated.

## More Convenient Telephone Service Available at Columbus for Service Men

"Attended public telephone service," an arrangement of centrally located telephone facilities operated by trained attendants and maintained for the convenience of men in the Services, is now available in the Columbus U. S. O. Club at 100 Ninth Street, across the street from the Howard Bus Terminal.

The service is designed primarily to make telephone service, especially long distance, more convenient to Fort Benning soldiers.

The attendants are on duty from 5:30 p. m. to 10:30 p. m. on week days and from 11 a. m. to 6 p. m. on Sundays, but men of the armed forces also may use the telephones at other times.

They will find it especially helpful to place their calls while the attendants are on duty to provide rate quotations not normally obtainable from telephone directories, to make change and to assist otherwise in obtaining the most convenient service possible.

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY  
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## Yanks Report On African Wogs

American soldiers in West Africa, those stationed south of Dakar, are writing home descriptions of new acquaintances they are making.

All natives are called "wogs." They don't wear shoes, and are their feet tough! One soldier writes that when the African natives click their heels for a salute, it is almost as loud as if the wog were wearing shoes.

An American plays a good game of soccer barefooted and he also fights by kicking. If a kick lands, the native wins. Furthermore, while the wogs are regarded as lazy about their work, they like to roll all over march cheerfully for hours in formation. American soldiers find both traits of African character equally astonishing.

### FINANCE PROMOTES

Three enlisted men of the Detachment, Finance Department at Fort Benning, have been promoted to higher grades, according to an announcement by post headquarter. The men are: Tech. 4th Gr. George J. Frank, Tech 5th Gr. Angelo V. Carbone, to technician 4th grade; and Pfc. John G. Kopels, to technician 5th grade.

When sleeping in the field without a cot, spread your raincoat over your improvised bed. This will prevent the ground dampness from chilling your body.

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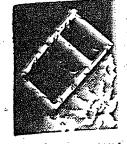
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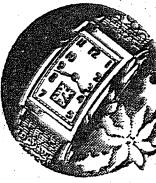
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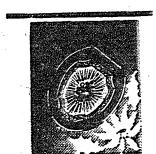
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## Warrant, Flight Officers Now Rate Salute, W. D. Says

All military courtesies of the service including the salute normally granted to commissioned officers now are to be rendered to warrant officers and flight officers, it is announced by the War Department.

Chief warrant officers and warrant officers (junior grade) in the order, rank immediately below second lieutenants and above all other grades, including cadets and master sergeants, and flight officers, will rank with warrant officers (junior grade). Both warrant and flight officers are eligible for membership in messes maintained for commissioned officers.

The shoulder insignia of flight officers similar to that of a warrant officer consists of a blue enameled bar with latitudinal center strip of gold. The warrant officer's bar is brown enamel with center strip of gold.

### 54th Drum, Bugle Corps To Make Debut

Under the direction of Sergeant Ian A. Quello, the 54th Infantry's brand new Drum and Bugle Corps will make its debut shortly.

Those assigned to the Corps are Sgts. Daniel Roper and Chester D. Dickey; 2d Lts. John C. Johnson, Pfc. Robert F. Horton, and Pts. John R. Webb, H. C. Howe, D. Q. Fearing, Joseph Motte, Paul Palmer, Alfred G. Phenes and J. J. Pfannensiel, buglers.

Sgt. Joseph N. Dragovic, Pfc. John F. Malifi and Pts. Harry A. Griffin and Roy O. Wilcox, drummers.

### Nine QM Enlisted Men Are Promoted

Nine enlisted men of the Detachment, Quartermaster Corps, 4th Service Command have been promoted to higher grades, according to an announcement by post headquarters. They are:

Cpl. James Williams, to sergeant; Pfc. Alvin Hampton, to corporal; Pfc. George W. Moore, to technician 5th grade; and Pfc. Lawrence Jones, Freddie Robinson, Henry Saftord, Landry J. Carter, Charles Whiting, and Robert C. Stanley, to private 1st class.

### S. C. MEN PROMOTED

Seven enlisted men of the Detachment, Signal Corps at large, 4th Service Command at Fort Benning, have been promoted to higher grades, according to an announcement by post headquarters.

Tech 4th Gr. Clarence W. Beard made sergeant. Cpls. Thomas D. Thornton and Henry F. Wayson were advanced to technician 4th grade.

Pts. Elvius Kennedy, Leonard B. Poindexter, Bartow W. Walden and Raymond Sims were promoted to privates 1st class.

The organization has been recently expanded to provide for a full 300 bed field hospital.

Training now is going on at Fort Benning, with the enlisted personnel being educated as specialists in several fields. The organization is from Canton, Ohio, a specialist in plastic surgery and a veteran of the World War I when he was battalion surgeon of the Third Heavy Field Artillery.

### CHAPLAIN A VETERAN

Another veteran of the last war is newly appointed Chaplain John B. Shearer, wearer of the Purple Heart and participant as an observer in the final days of the campaigns with the American Expeditionary Force. He also served with the Army of Occupation following the Armistice. He is a recent graduate of the Chaplains School at Harvard University. Chaplain Shearer, who was born in 1908, had formed a year ago at Barksdale Field, La., then went to Camp Rucker, Ala., where training was begun. It has been here since October, with many of the personnel having had previous training in various fields of actual hospital practice at the Post Hospital.

When training is complete, the organization will be fitted to set up a field hospital, working as a complete unit and battle ready. It will have its own corps of five ambulances and other automotive equipment as well.

Attached to it in the actual field will be a complement of Army nurses not being trained at another base. The organization will care for cases removed from the battalion aid stations and will be fully equipped as a modern hospital.

### SOURCE OF PERSONNEL

Officers of the organization are drawn from the ranks of doctors and dentists assigned to medical department organizations. In addition, the War Department is assigning medical administrative corps officer personnel to handle administrative details. All enlisted men are professionally trained men to devote their entire time to the tasks for which they are best qualified.

Many of them are former enlisted men who earned their officer candidate status in officer candidate schools. First Lieutenant Albert H. Hansen, Jr., Baltimore, Md., adjutant of the 32d, is a former enlisted man who had served at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., where he was regimental sergeant major of the 104th Medical Regiment, 28th Infantry Division.

## Yuletide Greetings Sent Home in Talking Letters

### Records Being Made By Pepsi-Cola Unit

Christmas greetings in the form of "talking letters" to the home folks now are being made by personnel of Fort Benning through a portable unit that will visit various spots on the post.

The unit is brought to Fort Benning through courtesy of the Pepsi-Cola company and at Service Club No. 3. It will visit other areas of the post as well.

The recordings and mailings are all free to the men of the post, it was announced by Lt. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, of the post's Special Services office.

Messages may be of a nature to fit the Christmas season or may

be anything that the soldier desires to send, it was emphasized. Several suggested messages are printed to guide gendarmes. They are recorded on small discs that will fit and phonograph, and they run a minute and a half.

For guidance of men making the recordings, Lt. Col. Finnegan stated that the messages must be of a completely personal nature and must not contain any information about the camp or the armed forces; must not state number of men on duty or number of pieces of equipment in use, or where a man may be going, or give out any similar information.

Messages such as those printed by the company have the approval of morale officers and are recommended for direct use or guidance in making up messages.

### 1st STR Candidate Holds Extensive Travel Record

If Candidate Tom Sather, 16th Company, First Student Training Regiment, is sent into the European theater of operations, he'll know his way around.

Tom was born and reared in Tromso, Norway. For the geographically uninformed, this is a coastal city in the land of the Midnight Sun, 160 miles north of Narvik and at 70 degrees latitude. It is slightly colder than Georgia. It is, or was, an important port in the Russian and Arctic trade.

Candidate Sather left his native land in 1939, working his way around the world on a ship before coming to Benning for officers' training.

Tom's father is a former British consul. His parents and one brother and sister were still in Tromso when last heard from. Tom's wife, who was born in the United States on April 9, 1940—a date he is not likely to forget, since it was the same day Norway was invaded.

Drafted in October, 1941, in Los Angeles, Tom served his military apprenticeship at Camp Cal-

### ACCOMPLISHED LINGUIST

But his knowledge is not only of things Norwegian. In addition to having travelled extensively in his native country and Sweden, he has visited England, Russia, Spain, Germany, Greece, France, Egypt, Australia, Dutch West Indies, South Africa, Islands and South America.

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Now a naturalized citizen, Tom would like nothing better than to be sent to Norway—to fight for the continued freedom of his adopted country and to help free the land of his birth.

### Service Club Wins Compete

Coming back after several week's lay off, the Service Club Quiz team proved they were definitely in the groove as they defeated the officers from Division Headquarters Company in the weekly quiz contest by the score of 375 to 340 at the Service Club No. 2.

Both teams had many loyal supporters on the side lines rooting and cheering when their team members came through with the correct answers. Jokes and wise cracks flew back and forth between members of both teams.

The winning team was composed of Mr. M. Sanford, Captain; Mr. Ralph E. Both, newly appointed Warrant Officer; Sgt. Gordon Able of the 3rd Regiment and Master Sergeant Saul Miller of the Artillery Command.

The officers team was composed of Captain C. F. Meininger and Lieutenants Byford Long, Lt. Col. John O'Rorke and Steve Lang. Cigarettes were awarded to the winners.

### 54th Recruits Are Comended

Special letters of commendation for their rapid adaptability to Army life and assurances of promising military careers have been given thirteen recruits of Regimental Headquarters Company, 34th Infantry, by Captain George R. Rector, company commander.

Generally, the commendations covered neatness, alertness in carrying out orders, aggressiveness and being a credit to the organization. The men are:

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## 507th Defeats Pepsi-Cola Foe

Having won their first game, the 507th Parachute Infantry passed the team out for the third competition with games now scheduled against Georgia, Auburn and Georgia Tech. Arrangements are now being completed for games with Georgia Pre-Flight, Alabama, Pensacola Naval Training, and Florida as well.

The first game against the Columbus Pepsi-Cola Fins was played last Friday, was won by a score of 34-30 and it was one of those games that furnish more than enough thrills and excitement for the spectators.

Starring in the parachute lads were Lt. Walter, former Rice Institute star, who rang the basket no less than eight times for the jumpers, and Lt. Ardziewski who was a bulwark at a guard. The lieutenant is a former Ripon (Wis.) college star. The team is coached and captained by Lt. Lillie, an ex-pro who played with the famed Oshkosh All-Stars of the National Pro League.

The score at half time was 16 to 12 in favor of the 507 boys and the game was bitterly contested all the way.

## 117th Prepares For Court Loop

BY PVT. KEVE GRUNIN  
With headgear, cleats and sweaters stowed away for another year, the 117th Infantry has turned its attention to another major sport—basketball.

The regiment is now in the process of organizing and developing a quintet which will represent one of the "hot" contenders for the Fort Benning basketball championship.

The team, under the supervision of its basketball mentor, Lt. Lester Soltz, has been working in the gymnasiums and sports arenas for the past two weeks and soon the Breakers will be ready and set to clash with all sorts of competition.

A good number of candidates turned out for the first tryouts and practice sessions and now the team has been cut down to approximately 28 men. When the season gets into full swing the Breakers will be carrying 20 cagers on the squad.

The 117th Infantry, intense employing concentration and variation of the man-to-man and zone system of defensive play. Making use of this particular type of defensive play has proven to be highly successful, as can be verified by some of the most prominent basketball outfitts.

Something new in offensive play will be demonstrated by the Breakers when they encounter their first loop opponents.

Their style of play will be somewhat unusual, but it should prove to be a good number of points in their score column.

Outstanding Breaker prospects are Bowlin, Moore, Hite, Williams, Vaughan, Presnell, Dale and several others.

## 'Follow Me' Hoop Club Sets Pace

When it comes to ballyhooing basketball teams around Fort Benning this season, due credit should be paid to the Follow Me club of Headquarters Company of the Second Student Training Regiment.

The quintet is the same one which captured the title in last year's Fort Benning league, and it has gone through the present season undefeated to date in games with all comers on the post.

The team is competing in the USO league in Columbus, and won its first game last week against officers of the Third Student Training Regiment by a hand score of 35 to 27. The week previously they defeated the Headquarters Company quintet of the Third Regiment by 45 to 34, and their other victories include officers of the First Regiment, the 54th Air Base squad at Lawson Field, and the Professors of the Academic Regiment of the school.

The Follow Me club played its second game in the USO league last night. It is the club which is to compete in this loop which includes six service teams and two civilian clubs. When the Post Tournament rolls around this winter the Follow Me boys can't be counted out of the running to defend successfully their title.

## Japs—

(Continued from Page One) lands. Japanese submarines followed the boat for several days, Lt. Gislard said. There were more than 60 Chinese aviators aboard, on their way to school in the United States, but the submarines oral report said, and they did not get the boat that trip.

They will be allocated according to



## Overseas Men Filling Out Many Forms

### Qualify for Info Please With 27 Point Quiz

American Army officers assigned to foreign duty should qualify as "Information, Please" experts after they have had some arranging in their personal affairs.

The Army Department makes sure that its officers are equipped and ready for any eventuality before they are ordered overseas and to accomplish this check list is given, assigned to an overseas base and complete a 27-point questionnaire.

If he can complete the questionnaire, he is ready for the trip. The questions deal with the elements of his personal affairs, equipment and correct travel orders of the officer and many other details of that nature.

The check list asks if a will has been executed and if the officer has copies of such papers as wills, affidavits, wills, orders permitting allotments. The officer is asked if he is insured; if he has in his possession copies of his orders, his pay card and other military papers necessary.

He must check to see if he is immunized against smallpox, lockjaw, typhoid, yellow fever and other diseases depending on the countries the officer will pass through.

Next he must check his identification tags to determine if they are in proper order; must check his uniforms with the prescribed equipment and must secure a suit of civilian clothes if travel is to be through a neutral country. And that's just a fair beginning.

## Columbus—

(Continued from Page One) group which is planning the "all-around hospitality" program. Mr. Sloan is being assisted by a score of civic leaders in the city.

## Thru—

(Continued from Page One) we just another step in the long march ahead of MacArthur before the Jap is driven from New Guinea, the Solomons and the other Pacific Islands near North Africa was the

In reporting to Congress on the progress of the war, President Roosevelt said that a million Americans would be overseas by the end of December and added that "the Axis powers have temporarily at least lost the initiative."

The Officer of War Information reported that from Dec. 7, 1941, to Dec. 7, 1942, the U. S. Armed forces suffered 58,307 casualties (36,678 in the Army and 22,629 in the Navy).

The Navy announced the sinking of the 22,000-ton liner, President Coolidge, with a loss of only four men from a crew and passenger list of 4,000 and 1,000.

W. P. McPherson, Board Chairman Donald Nelson described the October arm output as "disappointing" as it was up only three per cent over September.

## Gallant Lad Progressing In Battle With Paralysis

### Wants Singing Canary For Christmas Gift Anybody Have One?

Little 12-year-old Charlie Pearce, the former Austin Loop boy, is in a battle against the attack of infantile paralysis at Warm Springs, has always had a yearning for a yellow canary, a cheery singing one. But Charlie always had a cat—so no canary.

Now Charlie is taking his time, however, and hopes he soon has a singing canary to make Charlie a little happy. Anyone who can is invited to communicate with the former is entitled to them.

Wpk of the board was praised by Lt. Col. Will, provost marshal, just before he left Ft. Benning for Military Police at Fort Custer, Mich. Colonel Will declined the offer of the First Regiment, the 54th Air Base squad at Lawson Field, and the Professors of the school.

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At the start of the dinner, the all-conference selections of the Bayonet were announced by the Lieutenant. As each first term member was announced, the honoree stood and took a bow. The second and third teams were applauded as units.

As far as the drivers doing the most essential driving. For that reason, you will not be able to dispose of your tires without the permission of the board and even then if there is someone else in line for them before you.

The person who wants to give the car to the former is entitled to them.

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# Officer-Wrestler Shuns Ju Jitsu; Prefers Own Tactics To Jap Version

## Capt. Clodfelter Took Part In 1932 Olympic Spectacle

The strange spectacle of one of the world's top wrestlers actually pinning his own self and losing the most important match of his life without a hand being laid on him is described by Captain Melvin C. Clodfelter, student member of the 3d Company in the 1st Student Training Regiment and member of the United States 1932 Olympic Wrestling Team.

"This particular man was a Canadian who was competing in the Olympics the year I participated," Capt. Clodfelter relates. "He was the victim of the Olympic arbitrary rules governing Olympic wrestling. The rule in question states that if a wrestler so much as touches both shoulders to the mat simultaneously, no matter how or why, he is thereby pinned and beaten."

The Canadian had been wrestling on fairly even terms for several minutes, the captain pointed out, when suddenly both men broke contact and each dropped backwards. In so moving the Canadian tripped over a wall in the canvas and fell into a roll. Both shoulders happened to touch the mat as he rolled quickly over and on to his feet again. His opponent wasn't even touching him all this time but he was nevertheless declared to have been pinned and had to leave the ring.

"The Canadian was a good wrestler, too, even by Olympic standards," Captain Clodfelter adds. "He might have had a chance to get the world title but for that."

Captain Clodfelter is a good reason to be well versed in wrestling rules. He not only wrestled 12 of the best 145-pound wrestlers in the country during 1932, but after beating them all and thus winning the right to represent this country in his first Olympic games, he wrestled six of the world's best wrestlers, beating them all and actually beating the second place winner twice.

PECULIAR SITUATION  
"This is a rather curious case of Olympic rules," says Capt. Clodfelter in explaining this curious anomaly. According to these rules a wrestler who wins a match by decision, actually has a black mark placed against him. If he wins by fall he avoids this mark but if he loses his match he has three marks against him regardless of how he lost. Five black marks eliminate a man.

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## With The Civilians

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normal substantial meals with plenty of meat and sugar. However, during the two hours just prior to match time tea and chocolate only was permitted. And nothing could be taken for the half hour just preceding a bout.

Captain Clodfelter has some words to say about Ju Jitsu wrestlers and their vaunted Ju Jitsu. Japs won no titles in the 1932 Olympics and didn't make particularly impressive showing according to him.

"The Jap style of Ju Jitsu wrestling is more like the American style, which would be more like the traditional American style of wrestling," he says. "There's no one I'd rather meet on the mat than a man who relies upon Ju Jitsu alone. One of my opponents in the Olympics, a captain added, was the host country and you'd always see him in pictures and in the papers. I had been watching him for several bouts and noticed he really only used Ju Jitsu tactics. He would continually turn around so as to get his opponent's back for a takedown. Well, I waited and waited and finally, through a series of wrestling with him, he tried this on me. I was ready. I tackled him around the legs immediately and got a pin on him less than a moment later. This was the first fall I got to keep on flying."

Chance in the form of a hanged up coat started Captain Clodfelter on the road to wrestling fame. During his four years of high school at Enid, Okla., he wrestled none at all. It wasn't until his sophomore year that he began playing football and he was introduced to wrestling. A famous exponent of that activity contacted him at that time and commented on the merits of a sport in which, he said, he was less accustomed to competing money for insurance and various things. Scrap too. She is a whiz-bang after scrap. So she had better be on the alert where that girl is concerned.

Well it seems Bee Brown just has to be teaching somebody something all the time. It used to be endorsements at Headquarters now it's bowling at Lawson Field. Understand she has two very apt pupils in Helen Martin and Esther Feinberg.

RUGGED TRAINING  
In preparing for the Olympics Captain Clodfelter underwent three months of preliminary training which consisted largely of road work, calisthenics and light work. But he was just too far from the Olympics to follow such an intensive schedule that called for two miles of road work, 15 minutes of calisthenics, 80 minutes practicing holds and 15 minutes of all-out competitive wrestling daily.

The entire Olympic wrestling tournament, the captain states, lasted four days. On two of these he wrestled two matches each. Between matches he would eat

## 18-Year-Olds Are Registered At Benning

COMPILED BY SGT. PETER LORIN

Registration of young men born the last six months in 1924 is under way at Fort Benning and will continue until the end of this month at the Main Theater on the post proper.

Capt. James A. Sutton, post recruiting officer and supervisor of the Main Theater, has announced the following schedule for registration of Fort Benning civilians at the theater:

Those who were born on or after July 1, 1924, but not after Aug. 31, 1924, will be registered until Thursday, Dec. 7. Those born on or after Sept. 1, 1924, but not after Oct. 31, 1924, will start registering Dec. 18 and continue through Dec. 24.

Those born on or after Nov. 1, 1924, but not after Dec. 31, 1924, will begin registering Dec. 26 and conclude on Thursday, Dec. 31.

CAPT. MEYER BACK  
Capt. Floyd R. Meyer has returned to duty with the Second Student Training Regiment, accompanying Capt. John H. Adams of the Adjutant General School in Washington. He has been assigned as an assistant adjutant at Regimental Headquarters.

Clarabelle Stephens certainly is having coat trouble. Good enough for her because she didn't buy her coat in the home stores but had to go to Atlanta. As she said before, "Well, Atlanta, we don't have coats," she told you \$108 of Clarabelle's money."

A great big welcome to Helen Smothers in the Engineering Office at Lawson Field. Better watch Helen she will be out collecting favors for plane and car trips, accustomed to collecting money for insurance and various things. Scrap too. She is a whiz-bang after scrap. So she had better be on the alert where that girl is concerned.

Must tell you that Josephine Haggard is better off than she was when we last saw her. She had to stay a few days in the hospital to bear an oxygen tent in case of emergency. She does have the worst time with that head of hers.

ly passing the hat in Headquarters today? Well, I had better explain that she was holding the drawing for names for Christmas. You draw mine and I'll draw yours kind of affair. No fair telling whose name you drew either.

He formerly served for one year with the 38th Infantry Regiment with Brig. Gen. Walter S. Fulton, now commanding general of Fort Benning.

Maj. Allen is a graduate of Montana State College where he received his commission in 1936. He was made a captain last March.

When mosquitoes are in season, always use a mosquito netting in the field. Be sure that it is tucked in well and has no holes.

## Benning Heir-Raid

son, girl, Dec. 11, 1st Parachute Training Regt.

Pvt. and Mrs. Otis L. Weaver, girl, Dec. 11, Service Co., 305th Parachute Infantry.

2nd Lt. and Mrs. Max Hamlin, boy, Dec. 11, 325 Broadway, Columbus, Ga.

Captain and Mrs. J. B. Badgett, girl, Dec. 11, Academic Dept. Infantry School.

Sgt. and Mrs. E. F. Lepp, boy, Dec. 12, Co. "A," 67th Armored Division, Fort Bragg, N. C.

Officers below the rank of major in the 29th Infantry will join an Officers Code School every Wednesday night at Building "E" from 7:30 to 9:00 p. m. and the building also will be kept open during the day for use of those desiring to take additional instruction. It will be announced daily. Officers will be required to attain a minimum code speed of eight words per minute.

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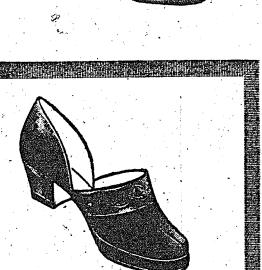
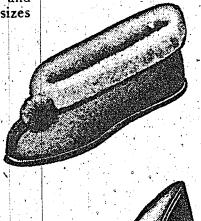
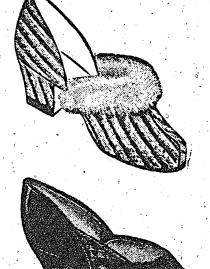
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